

## VHS Winter Sports Report

**Wrestling**--The Vernonia Loggers wrestling team continued their regional dominance when they traveled to Clatskanie on December 28 to take part in the Clatskanie Winter Classic 2011. Vernonia was one of 12 teams to take part in the tournament. The Loggers took first place with 169 points after a strong performance in the finals, finishing ahead of Cascade with 163.5 points, and Neah-Kah-Nie and Wahkiakun with 159. Other schools competing at the tournament were Gervais, Seaside, Knappa, Warrenton, Amity, Clatskanie and Corbett.

Individually the Loggers had four first place finishers: Joe Benes at 160, Jake Barnes at 170, Dawson Shay at 182, and Brett Benes, who propelled the Loggers to the team win with a hard fought victory in what ended up as the final match of the tournament at 195. Kristian Wredstrom took second at 182; Quinn Johansen at 145 and Jake Stevens at 220 took third, Jacob Lavenseller finished fourth at 160 pounds

Joe Benes received the Outstanding Wrestler Award in the 152

to heavy weight categories after winning all three of his matches by fall, all in the first round.

The Loggers next head to the Bob Bishop Invitational in Willamina on January 7 and then the Oregon Classic in Redmond on January 13-14. They have a home meet scheduled for January 17 against Clatskanie and then head to Siletz Valley on January 19 before heading to Seaside for the Pac Rim tournament on January 20-21.

**Girls Basketball**—The Lady Loggers got their first win of the season, defeating Northwest League rival Faith Bible 27-24 at the Riverdale Tournament on December 28.

At the Riverdale Tournament the Lady Loggers lost to Damascus Christian 67-43 on December 27 and to Portland Waldorf 53-28 on December 29.

The Lady Loggers returned to league play on January 6, defeating Delphian 63-9.

The upcoming schedule gets busy as they continue league play at



The Vernonia Loggers brought home the first place team trophy from the Clatskanie Winter Classic wrestling tournament on December 28. Photo by Yaraslava Denysenko.

home against Portland Christian on January 10 and Riverdale on January 12, then hit the road again against Neah-Kah-Nie on January 14 and against Faith Bible on January 17. They return home on January 20 to face Nestucca and then head to Gaston on January 23.

**Boys Basketball**—The Loggers, with a 7-2 record, took the winter break off. So far this season the teams' only losses came in their season opener at Warrenton and in their league opener against Gaston.

The Loggers ended their long winter break by traveling to Delphian on

January 6, winning 68-40. Paul Jiranek led the Loggers with 23 points; Craig Weller had 16, Austin Cutright scored 12 and Austin Edgar had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Loggers continue league play with upcoming home games against Portland Christian on January 10 and Riverdale on January 12 and then travel to Neah-Kah-Nie on January 14. The Loggers then have what look to be key league match ups away against Faith Bible on January 17, at home against Nestucca on January 20 and the return match-up at Gaston on January 23.



## Boosters Buzz: T Ball

### What is T Ball?

T Ball is the entry sport to baseball and softball for young players, generally five through seven years old (must be five by the first practice for insurance reasons—practice starts after Spring Break 2012). T ball develops the basic baseball/softball skills of hitting, running, fielding and throwing. The elimination of pitching allows children to participate without the fear of being hit by a pitched ball. That being said, coach-pitching is allowed for those kids ready to try to bat without the use of the tee and is highly encouraged.

As the game is one of the first team sports for most children, there is a high level of adult support and enthusiasm. And did we mention that it's fun for all? – coaches, players, parents, grandparents....lots of daisy picking and playing with the sand at bases to amuse and soften the heart.

### Some other info about T Ball:

T Ball normally runs for 2 months: starts after Spring Break and one month of practicing followed by a month of practice & games against the other Vernonia T Ball teams

Kids need to wear athletic footwear

(cleats if available)

Helmets are a must for the safety of the kids!

Gloves are a 12" max length, Bats - 25"/26" long, 2 1/4" diameter, max. 17 to 20 ounces

Parents must provide appropriate footwear and gloves for their kids to use (helmets optional as the club will provide team use helmets)

The club provides bats, helmets, balls and pants for games when they start Uniform wise, the kids get a T Shirt and embroidered Baseball hat in the color of the team sponsor to keep afterwards as well as a medal/trophy at the end of the season

Photos normally happen midway through the season so it's another cost to factor in with packages starting around \$14

Financial aid will be available at a 50% rate for those needing it for the T Ball signup fees (those who qualify for free lunches is the normal trigger--speak with the T Ball president for options on payment plans etc)

### What we need:

Coaches and assistant coaches as well as parent helpers to make this happen Coaches and anyone helping directly

with the children must go through the school background checks (for the safety of our kids)

Parent/Player as well as coach/board member Code of Conduct forms signed by all participating

Full payment of fees by first practice (unless other arrangements have been made with the T Ball President)

### Questions?

Call Maria Lemay, 503-429-1069.

## Vernonia Students of the Month

### December 2011



#### Lanaya Clapshaw, Grade 2

Lanaya is friendly to all and always ready to give a helping hand. She is very motivated academically and always follows the 4 Be's. "Lanaya is just plain awesome!" says her teacher, Mrs. Louder. Lanaya says her favorite subject in school is Music and she also enjoys Art. Lanaya's hobbies include sewing, helping her Mom in the kitchen and swimming. She also enjoys playing with her three Baby Maltese dogs.

#### Jessica Stringfield, Grade 7

Jessica was chosen because of how hard she tries in her classes. Jessica is an amazing young lady who works hard, does a great job, is kind and very giving, and is always willing to lend a hand. She pays attention in class, is always quiet and respectful and a model student who any of her teachers say they would love to teach all day. Jessica says her favorite subject is Language Arts. She plays Volleyball and intends to play Softball and is in the band. She also shows goats, cows, chickens and rabbits in 4-H.



#### Ashlee Archer, Grade 11



Ashlee has clearly demonstrated her commitment to VHS and her community. She is known by her teachers as a caring friend who is quiet, strong, dependable, respectful and compassionate. She is helpful to other students in numerous ways and is always willing to volunteer for any project. This year alone Ashlee has: helped with junior class fundraising, organized the clothes closet at school, done PR for student activities, helped with the school blood drive, been a facilitator for school bullying workshops, volunteered at a Grange Community Dance and been trained and certified in suicide intervention. Ashlee is a very special and remarkable young woman!

### THIS WINTER IF YOU NEED LOCAL TOWING SERVICE IN THE VERNONIA AREA

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